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IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting receiver~~ to effect display of
~~which displays~~ at least one of video program or character information of programs,
comprising:

a receiver which receives video program and program information including a
title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder which decodes the received video program;

an information decoder which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present
and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller which omits a part of a character information
extracted from the program information when a number of characters in ~~in~~ the
character information of the particular program is larger than a number of characters
which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time
period attached to a last tail part of the menu;

a full display controller to control display of ~~which displays~~, in response to a
predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular
future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information ~~information~~ generated by
the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display
controller.

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13. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 12, comprising:

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

14. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 12, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information ~~information~~ of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

15. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver to effect display of ~~which displays~~ at least one of video program or character information ~~information~~ of programs, comprising:

a receiver which receives video program and program information including ~~information including~~ a title and time information ~~information~~ of a video program;

a video decoder which decodes the received video program;

a information decoder which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a data amount of

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characters in the characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone

indicative ~~indicative~~ of a prescribed time period;

a full display controller to control display of, ~~which displays~~, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller.

16. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 15, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the decoded character data amount with data amount which can be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

17. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 15, comprising:

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

18. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 15, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

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19. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcasting receiver to effect display of ~~which displays~~ at least one of video or a plurality of background information blocks each indicative of a program time period, comprising:

a receiver which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder which decodes the received video program;

an information decoder which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

a display change controller which changes ~~changes~~ a displayed shape of a particular background information ~~information~~ block indicative of a program time period in the grid when the program time period indicated by the particular background information block exceeds a program time period which is displayed in a first prescribed zone;

a full display controller to control display of, ~~which displays~~, a program start time and a program end time of the program time period indicated by the particular background information block in a ~~in a~~ second prescribed zone for any program when the program whose background information ~~information~~ block is changed in the shape is selected in a first prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller.

20. (Currently Amended) A digital broadcasting receiver according to Claim 19, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the time

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information of a program with a time band to be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

21. (Currently Amended) A digital ~~broadcasting~~ receiver according to Claim 19, comprising:

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

22. (New) A system comprising:

a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, including:

a receiver which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;
a video decoder which decodes the received video program;
an information decoder which decodes the received program information;
a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;
an omission display controller which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a number of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a number of characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time period attached to a last tail part of the menu;

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a full display controller to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller; and,

a television display unit to receive an output from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or character information of programs.

23. (New) A system according to Claim 22, comprising:

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

24. (New) A system according to Claim 22,

wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

25. (New) A system comprising:

a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video program or character information of programs, including:

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a receiver which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;

a video decoder which decodes the received video program;

a information decoder which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

an omission display controller which omits a part of a character information extracted from the program information when a data amount of characters in the character information of the particular program is larger than a data amount of characters in the characters which can be displayed in a first prescribed zone indicative of a prescribed time period;

a full display controller to control display of, in response to a predetermined selection, an entirety of the character information of the particular future program in a second prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller; and,

a television display unit to receive an output from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or character information of programs.

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26. (New) A system according to Claim 25, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the decoded character data amount with data amount which can be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

27. (New) A system according to Claim 25, comprising:

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.

28. (New) A system according to Claim 25, wherein the omission display controller adds an omission symbol to a remaining part of the character information of the particular program from which a part was omitted when displaying the remaining part of the character information of the particular future program from which a part was omitted in the first prescribed zone in the grid.

29. (New) A system comprising:

a digital receiver to effect display of at least one of video or a plurality of background information blocks each indicative of a program time period, including:

a receiver which receives video program and program information including a title and time information of a video program;
a video decoder which decodes the received video program;
an information decoder which decodes the received program information;

a menu-grid display controller to effect display of a menu of at least present and future programs for a plurality of channels in a grid;

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a display change controller which changes a displayed shape of a particular background information block indicative of a program time period in the grid when the program time period indicated by the particular background information block exceeds a program time period which is displayed in a first prescribed zone;

a full display controller to control display of a program start time and a program end time of the program time period indicated by the particular background information block in a second prescribed zone for any program when the program whose background information block is changed in the shape is selected in a first prescribed zone; and

an outputter which outputs the character information generated by the menu-grid display controller, the omission display controller and the full display controller; and,

a television display unit to receive an output from the video decoder and outputter to display the at least one of video program or character information of programs.

30. (New) A system according to Claim 29, wherein the omission display controller has a comparator to compare the time information of a program with a time band to be displayed in the first prescribed zone.

31. (New) A system according to Claim 29, comprising;

a multiplexer which multiplexes the decoded video program and the character information of programs.